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A.—Government are anxious to develop the hydro-electric resources of the Presidency, and are taking action to that end. They also propose to utilize the services of an expert to advise them as to the lines of progress.

Irrigation.

Drains in the Gōdāvari Western and Kistna Eastern deltas.

252 *Q.*—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimates are ready for the improvement of drains in the Gōdāvari Western and Kistna Eastern deltas;

(*b*) if so, whether a list of them will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) whether the Government are going to undertake any of these works in the coming year 1924–25?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) One work "Excavating subsidiary drains to the Motur left side drain" in the Kistna Eastern delta, has been sanctioned and is proposed to be taken up for execution during 1924–25. There are several other works which have been either completed or in progress or under consideration.

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member to place a list of all the works referred to in my question No. 252 (*b*) on the Table? The hon. Member said in reply that there are several other works which have been completed."

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"I shall compile a list of the works which have been completed or are in progress."

Irrigation channels in the Gōdāvari Western delta.

253 *Q.*—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the irrigation channels in the Gōdāvari Western delta are not being repaired as usual;

(*b*) whether in consequence of the same the lands at the tail end of the channels are suffering from inadequate supply of water; and

(*c*) whether the Government are going to take any action with respect to the same?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the Member of the Legislative Council is drawn to the answer to Legislative Question No. 43 (49), December 1923.

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU:—"May I inform the hon. the Law Member that my experience is quite different from the answer given to question No. 253 (*a*)?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"I realize that" (laughter).

Breaches made by the river Vettar.

254 *Q.*—Mr. C. MARUTHAVANAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the river Vettar breaches almost every year in the limits of Manjadi to the north of Kivalore, thereby damaging the crops